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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Lothar Steidler

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action of November 30, 2009, please amend the referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.